

Don was involved with so many organizations and schools and church organizations, but he was also a very dedicated husband to his wife, Mary Theresa Higgins, and a dedicated father of four and grandfather of 12.

Nine people in Don's family are attorneys. They were all sworn in on the very same day by the U.S. Supreme Court, which made the front page news in our little town. Don was very proud of this.

Don was a man who devoted his life to service, to happiness, and he couldn't have been a kinder person to me and a better friend and mentor for me as an attorney when I first started out many years ago.

I can't express enough my deepest condolences to his family, his friends, and our community. This is truly the loss of a great man. I wish them all the best, and it was an honor to call Don Snyder my friend.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS PROGRAM ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. MCHENRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, it is often said that there are inefficiencies and waste in the Federal Government. Well, I am here to recognize the most efficient grant writing program in the Federal Government: The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, marking its 20th anniversary.

The AFG program, along with its sister programs SAFER and Fire Prevention Grants, help deliver training, manpower, and desperately needed equipment straight to where they are most needed. Communities across America have benefited from these programs over the past 20 years; all of this with hardly any overhead costs.

It is a well-run program. Why? Well, because it is largely run by the fire service.

Throughout my time in Congress, it has been a true honor to have visited well over 100 fire departments in my district. These are some of my favorite visits. And you see the best of America in these everyday heroes.

On a final note, I thank Chief Jeff Cash, Jason Wofford, and Ryan Cole for teaching my AFG grant classes throughout the years.

I would encourage my colleagues to do likewise to ensure their fire services are well taken care of with the best training and equipment they deserve.

Thank you to the AFG program and to the fire service.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 21, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 21, 2021, at 11:36 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2899.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
Clerk.

#### RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE REPORT 117-152 AND AN ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 727 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 727

*Resolved*, That if House Report 117-152 is called up by direction of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol: (a) all points of order against the report are waived and the report shall be considered as read; and (b)(1) an accompanying resolution offered by direction of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a point of order; and (2) the previous question shall be considered as ordered on such resolution to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by Representative Thompson of Mississippi, Representative Cheney of Wyoming, and an opponent, or their respective designees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mrs. FISCHBACH), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 727. The rule provides for consideration of the resolution accompanying House Report 117-152 under a closed rule if the report is called up by direction of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. It provides 1 hour of de-

bate equally divided among and controlled by Chair THOMPSON, Vice Chair CHENEY, and an opponent.

Mr. Speaker, today, we face a fundamental choice: Whether we are going to get to the truth about the violent January 6 attack, the worst assault on the Capitol since the War of 1812 and the worst domestic assault on American democracy since the Civil War, or whether we are going to allow lawful subpoenas to be ignored and the investigation being conducted by the select committee to be obstructed to puff up the ego of the former President, who has launched another frivolous lawsuit, this time against the select committee.

I have to tell you, Mr. Speaker, I still remember January 6 like it was yesterday. I was standing right where you are now, Mr. Speaker. Our democracy was in peril; the lives of Members of Congress, our staffs, and all the workers here were endangered. And Capitol Police officers were beaten or worse.

Getting to the truth of what happened or placating the ego of a former President, that shouldn't be a tough call. In any ordinary time, it wouldn't be. This measure would probably have passed on suspension.

Because as a Member of Congress, we have fewer more important and solemn duties than what is at the heart of the measure before us today, and that is protecting our democracy and preventing future attempts to overturn the results of an election.

This is about country, not about party.

Now, many witnesses are already doing their patriotic duty and cooperating voluntarily with the select committee.

In fact, 10 of the 11 witnesses required to produce records to the select committee by the required deadline are engaging with the committee.

Only one person, Mr. Speaker, is refusing. One. Stephen K. Bannon.

Instead of doing the right thing, the legal thing, the patriotic thing, Mr. Bannon is hiding behind the former President's false claims of executive privilege to try to run out the clock on this investigation.

Now, maybe he has something to hide. I don't know. But the law isn't on his side. It is not on Donald Trump's side either.

Executive privilege is not absolute, and President Biden has declined to invoke that privilege.

There is a long history of the White House making accommodations to investigative requests from Congress. That is especially true when the public interest outweighs other interests, as it does here.

But apparently facts and the law don't matter to some. Apparently, Steve Bannon thinks he is above the law. Maybe it is because he was pardoned by the former occupant of the White House.

But ultimately, in the United States of America, no one should be above the law.